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Re: Notice of licensure requirement for
MRI and CAT services

To Whom It May Concern::

On June 29, 2004, Chapter 54 of the Laws of 2004 was enacted. This law amends N.J.S.A.26:2H-2 and 26:2H-12 to clarify that an entity providing Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) or Computerized Axial Tomography (CT) services is required to obtain a license from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (Department). In effect, the law no longer permits an exemption to State licensing requirements for MRI and CT services for those entities that had previously been "grandfathered" as the private practice of medicine.

The bill provides a one-year grace period to become licensed for a "grandfathered" physician(s) operating such services from the effective date of the bill. Thus, all such MRI and CT services must become licensed prior to July 1, 2005. If you currently offer MRI and/or CT services and are not licensed by the Department, we are requesting that you file a licensing application no later than December 31, 2004. Failure to submit an application prior to December 31st may cause delays in the required facility inspection and licensing processes.

Also as of July 1, 2004, ambulatory care facilities providing selected diagnostic services, including MRI and CT, which are not operating on a New Jersey hospital license are subject to an annual assessment and the submission of annual reports as per PL 2004 c. 54. You can contact the Hospital Financial Reporting and Support unit of the Department (609) 530-7420 for further details on the assessment requirements that will apply once a facility is licensed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (609) 292-8773.

Sincerely,

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Director
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